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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

PRESS SERVICE MERGER

Senator Kefauver as chairman of the Senate Anti-Monopoly Committee has criticized the merger of the United Press and the International News Service. He thinks it was better for the country to have three services than two. Now the field is left to the Associated Press and the United Press, the latter with its fancy new name of the United Press International, and the Senator figures that smaller papers will have less access to news service.

Kefauver is justified in bringing up the question, but to many oldtime readers of the daily press, it's somewhat of a relief to have the Hearst-founded International News Service out of the way.

Years ago, for example, the present writer when reading a Hearst newspaper developed the habit of noting with care each dispatch to determine whether it was of International News Service origin or Associated Press. If it was put out by the International News Service he either skipped it or made a mental note that the information in it must be checked elsewhere before it was to be accepted.

How reliable the INS ultimately became is a question to be decided by those who followed it systematically. But certainly many of us never gave up the habit just mentioned. Perhaps that is one reason the INS found it necessary to be merged.

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THE THREE FAULTS

For many years professional readers of newspapers classified the three services as follows: Associated Press, STODGY; United Press, SENSATIONAL; International News Service, UNRELIABLE. Of late years the Associated Press has been getting less stodgy, and the United Press less sensational.

With all their faults, it still is fair to say that our American press services pour out less poisoned news and more reliable information than do news services in most if not all parts of the world.

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MORE MONOPOLY

As for mergers which tend toward monopoly, this recession is going to bring more of them in all lines of business.

That is why the Federal Government is bound to monopolize more and more governmental power: only Big Government can tackle Big Business.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Labor Council plans Key strike move

Unions may join downtown business and City vs. Key

The Central Labor Council at its meeting this week unanimously adopted a motion pledging full support to the 1300 members of Carmen 192 who struck the Key System at a minute after midnight Monday, bringing the system to a dead standstill.

On top of that the council voted to authorize its officers to make an endeavor to unite the downtown business interests and the Oakland City Council to press the Key management for an early settlement.

Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, in making the motion for this reminded the delegates that 5 years ago when the strike against the Key System lasted some 76 days the City Council at the request of the downtown merchants took action, forming a Citizens Committee of which Rutledge was a member, which managed to bring about a settlement.

"What the motive of the Key System management is in these things I don't know," said Rutledge, "whether it is to try to unload its property on the public or something else. But one thing I do know, that when serving on that Citizens Committee 5 years ago I came to the conclusion that G. L. Stanley, president of the Key System, is about as bitter an enemy of labor as I've ever seen."

Rutledge insisted that "we can get the backing of the merchants" to bring pressure on the company to make a reasonable settlement, as the loss of bus service is working havoc with the downtown stores.

CLC President Al Brown said that the officers and executive committee of the council would proceed at once to take up the task indicated.

Vern Stambaugh, president of Carmen 192, said that he and other representatives of the union were so weary from the prolonged negotiations that they hardly knew whether they were at the council meeting or not. But he said:

"After giving the company a 24-hour extension from the time the contract expired, we pulled the pin this morning. It's going to be a tough battle. The com-

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CLC delegates seated

Delegates seated by President Al Brown at the Central Labor Council meeting May 26 were: Communications Workers 9490, Jack M. Thomas; Commercial Telegraphers 208, Alice G. Bass; Fire Fighters 55, E. P. Nunes, E. W. Farro.

Union-maiming laws told BTC; Key System franchise rapped

The Building Trades Council at its meeting this week was warned by BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers that some of the legislation now before the U. S. Senate is so drastic that in order to conform to its provisions a union would have to hire an attorney and a court stenographer to attend and work at every meeting.

The delegates also discussed the tough anti-union policies of the Key System, and agreed that it might be necessary, as in 1953 during the two and a half months strike of Carmen 192, to consider a drive to have the Key franchise canceled.

Childers said that he had already, at the suggestion of President Richard Gray of the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department, sent a telegram to Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts, chairman of the Subcommittee on Labor, urging the passage of Senate Bill 3810, and similar telegrams to Senators Knowland and Kuchel of California.

Childers urged all affiliated unions to send wires at once urging the passage of SB 3810, which was introduced by Senator Kennedy.

Childers said that 3810 does not have in it the restrictive clauses which make so much other proposed legislation dangerous.

The BTC meeting began an

hour after the closing of the polls for the primary election, and Childers said that there were still in the BTC office piles of campaign material which unions had failed to collect and use.

Some unions, he said, had seemingly made no effort whatever to inform their members about the important candidacies and issues involved in the primary election. Yet all experience had shown if officers of unions made such efforts, the membership responded.

Unions should become alert to what is brewing in the U. S. Senate, insisted Childers. He said that if more union people would come to the BTC office and read some of the proposed measures they would not feel so indifferent to political affairs.

To indicate how little some union officers pay attention to politics, Childers reported that one business agent asked, "Who is this fellow Holmdahl?" Yet here was Oakland City Councilman John Holmdahl, with a labor background, and backed by labor's political organization, running with a real chance of capturing the State Senatorship, and of becoming part of a State Senate majority friendly to labor for the first time in fifty years!

In the U. S. Senate, Childers said, bills introduced by Senator

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Knowland suffers big prestige blow in primary vote

As East Bay Labor Journal went to press before all precinct returns were in it was evident that on the State level Senator Knowland had suffered a terrific blow to his prestige through the huge pile-up of votes for Pat Brown, and that in Alameda County candidates endorsed by labor's COPE had qualified for the general election contest.

Congressman Clair Engle, backed by COPE here for U. S. Senator, had made such a good showing that the dailies were full of predictions that Brown and Engle, Democratic candidates for Governor and U. S. Senator, respectively, would sweep the State in November.

In the 8th Congressional District Congressman George P. Miller, backed by labor, was rolling to victory, and in the 7th Congressional District labor's candidate, Jeffery Cohelan, was placing for the race against the Republican incumbent in November.

Labor's candidate, Oakland City Councilman John Holmdahl, in the race for State Senate, had

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'Merge or else' meeting this week

This week the joint merger committee of the State CIO and the State AFL are meeting in their supposedly final "merge or else" session.

Central Labor Council Secretary said the probabilities are that there will be no more separate conventions of the AFL and CIO in California, but that the next one will be a joint convention of the two at a time and place to be named by AFL-CIO President George Meany.

Meany has made it clear that if the two State organizations can't get merged this week they must turn in reports on areas of agreement and disagreement, and let AFL-CIO headquarters frame a constitution to be submitted to a joint convention with delegates from the unions affiliated with both State groups.

The Alameda County Central Labor Council, first in the State to merge on the county level, is affiliated with both State AFL and State CIO.

CLC NOMINATIONS FOR 3 POSTS MONDAY, JUNE 9

At the next meeting of the Central Labor Council, Monday, June 9, nominations will be held for one place on the Executive Committee, for one place on the Law & Legislative Committee and for one place on the Civil Rights Committee, CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash announces.

Trib's 'news' of Laborers hit

Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, told the Central Labor Council this week that Thursday of last week all officers and board members and delegates of the local were returned to office without opposition except for one business agent.

Jones said that the unanimity with which the membership re-elected the officers seemed an adequate answer to the "news" stories the Oakland Tribune had been printing about a "big group" of the membership criticizing the administration of the local.

One of these "rump meetings," said Jones, which the Tribune had played up as though it were a big affair actually had an attendance of only 27 people, "out of a membership of 3000."

"Our union has been accused by some of the people quoted in the Tribune of having no Negro officers. The fact is, and many of you will remember this, we had a full time president who was a Negro, Leon Daniels. We have Negroes on our board of trustees and on our executive board. Joe Roberts, a Negro,

member of our executive board, has been ill with cancer for three years, and we have gone right ahead paying him as an executive board member. The late Thad Stevens, sergeant-at-arms for the Building Trades Council for years, had risen in our local."

Jones said he had refrained from giving statements on the "rump meetings" which the Tribune reported, to either the Tribune or East Bay Labor Journal, as while some unions may take it for granted that there are such meetings and opposing parties or factions within the union, this is not assumed in the Laborers.

Some of the candidates proposed by the dissident group were disqualified by the union's election committee, said Jones, since their candidacies were obviously in violation of constitutional requirements.

The speaker concluded by suggesting that labor people who invest \$2 a month in the Tribune are thereby helping Bill Knowland to do all he can to wreck trade unionism.

HOW TO BUY

Labor's low-cost auto insurance

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Group life and health insurance, and group pension plans, have become the fastest-growing types of family protection. They have produced savings of as much as 15-30 percent from the cost of similar insurance policies bought on an individual basis. Take medical expense insurance. Ten years ago only a half-million Americans were covered by group plans. Today, 24 million are covered.

Now, for the first time in U. S. history, a similar method of insuring large groups of car owners is being tried out by the Multnomah County, (Portland) Oregon, Labor Council, and the Nationwide Insurance Company, the country's fourth largest auto insurer.

Already six Oregon local unions are offering a pioneering low cost auto-insurance plan to their members, the Oregon Labor Press reports. The plan is experimental, and is not yet available in other parts of the country. But if it works out successfully in Oregon, it may prove to be one of the most effective ways of restraining spiraling auto-insurance bills.

Successive hikes have jumped rates 56 percent, on the average, in the past eight years. In comparison, prices of new cars have gone up 35 percent, and repair costs, 42. The AAA figures that the average cost of \$25,000-\$50,000 of liability insurance, plus fire and comprehensive but no collision insurance, now is \$117 a year on a countrywide basis. In large cities, the cost runs even higher.

In fact, President Glenn Blake of the Multnomah County Labor Council explains that his group became actively interested in a cost-cutting plan when most

auto insurance companies raised Oregon rates 30 percent this year. He points out that group coverage is established in almost every type of insurance except auto.

As worked out so far, the Oregon plan is not yet true "group" insurance. The Oregon Insurance Commissioner is studying whether it may be called "group insurance" and pay rebates or dividends on a "group" basis. The plan tentatively has established initial rates for members of the labor groups of 5 to 30 percent less than standard rates for the same coverage. But if permitted, the plan eventually will pay additional dividends or rebates to the groups, depending on their accident records.

At present, Blake and Dixon Livingstone, Oregon agent for Nationwide, describe the plan as "a wholesale, low-cost method of writing individual auto insurance policies". The big saving is in the lower marketing and selling expenses made possible by signing up a lot of people at a time, instead of soliciting one buyer at a time. Still another cost-cutter is the group traffic safety program made possible by group enrollment. Lowering the group's accident rate will increase its dividends.

But one of the biggest values in the new auto-insurance group idea is that it will give policyholders a more effective voice in determining the rates they must pay, and the kind of insurance they get. An insurance company or even a state commissioner may pay little attention to an individual. But in the case of Blue Cross, union groups recently forestalled rate increases in some localities because they were able to call in experts who showed state authorities that the proposed boosts were not necessary at this time. Similarly, labor groups actively scrutinize the rates charged for workmen's compensation insurance and group health insurance.

Test mattress when buying

The only way to test a mattress thoroughly before buying is to "lie down on it, turn and roll on it as you would in sleep, not relying on the finger test of hand feel," says one man who has sold a great many mattresses.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

CARDBOARD PIES with toys for children inside are a specialty of a store on Fifth Avenue in New York and have been for 40 years.

The great pie is placed on the table at a kid's birthday party, "and when the pie is opened," of course, all the little "birds begin to sing" and have a good time with the little bird whose birthday is being celebrated.

ONE DOTING GRANDMA had a pie of this sort designed and served on the table at the birthday party which contained six especially gowned dolls at \$12 apiece, and six mechanical tractors at \$6 apiece hidden inside.

The little girl, aged 3, in whose honor the party was being given had expressed one wish: to own a mechanical cow. One was found, costing only \$115, and being too big to put inside the pie, was stood on top of it.

TWO QUESTIONS: 1. How big a fool was Grandma? 2. What kind of a person will that 3-year-old girl grow into?

College girls get the jobs

Eighty-one in every 100 women graduated from college in June 1956 were at work 6 months after receiving their degrees, a joint survey of the U. S. Department of Labor's Women's Bureau and the Women's Section of the National Vocational-Guidance Association shows.

The great majority — more than three-fourths — were in professional positions, with teaching engaging the largest number. About 16 percent were in clerical positions, and the remainder in miscellaneous work, mainly in managerial or service capacities.

In most instances, the work of the girls was related to their college major. For example, teaching, the predominant occupation, attracted 88 percent of the employed education majors and a great many of those who had majored in English, history, foreign languages, home economics, mathematics, music, and physical education.

More salads being eaten

Evidence of the increasing popularity of fresh vegetable salads in the American diet comes from U. S. Department of Agriculture's figures on vegetable production. These show that since 1940 salad vegetable crops have increased by more than 50 percent. In contrast, production of other fresh vegetables which usually require cooking has increased by only 10 percent.

Today salad vegetables account for 40 percent of all fresh vegetable production. The most important of these vegetables are lettuce, tomatoes, celery, cucumbers, bell peppers, escarole, and endive. These are the fastest selling "salad-bowl" vegetables.

Barbara Bell Patterns



Simple but very delightful two piece sundress that was a winner in a dress design contest at UCLA Jacket with hood included.

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Lady Teamo writes books

You have to be expert to do it, but a San Francisco "lady Teamster" thinks about writing books while pounding her adding machine.

Mrs. Dana Lyon, a member of Local 856, is successful at adding numbers and composing stories at the same time, because her 17th novel, "The Lost One," has just been published by Harper and Bros.

Her earlier book, "The Tentacles," was purchased last summer by M-G-M and is expected to go into production soon. Movie columnist Hedda Hopper has mentioned the possibility of Ingrid Bergman for the lead role.

Mrs. Lyon, who head the statistical department for the Northern California Teamsters Security Fund, believes "a writer needs pressure to do the best work he or she can."

As proof of it, she wrote "The Lost One" by rising early every morning and writing in the office for two hours every day before starting time. Critics have called it her best book—International Teamster.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

JUNE is not only the month of brides and sweet girl graduates, but it is also a time of great worry for many graduates, both boys and girls, anxiously wondering if they are going to get into the college of their choice.

"Senior panic" it is called, and even some of the juniors begin suffering from it. There has always been some of it, but in the last few years so many youngsters have decided to go to college, that many of the colleges are swamped with applications.

This is particularly true of the "big name" or so-called Ivy League colleges. These schools get tougher every year, and still cannot take all who qualify.

At Yale, for instance, it is estimated that nearly four thousand of those wanting in are good prospects, but there is room for only 1000. Princeton has room for 750 freshmen, and has over 3000 applicants.

The high school seniors sit around and have the jitters and so do their parents. Most apply to several colleges, and if accepted by their "least favorite" will sometimes turn it down only to be rejected by the one they really wanted later on.

To get around this, more than a hundred colleges have settled on the date of May 21, as a "common reply" date, thus giving the candidates a chance to choose, if accepted by more than one.

All this does not mean that any qualified student will be unable to go to college this fall.

"Any student who can do the work will be able to enter college in the fall" said Dr. Carroll V. Newsom, president of New York University.

There are some 970 degree-granting colleges in this country, and only a few will be filled to capacity.

"The big problem," continued Dr. Newsom, will be for the colleges to get qualified students to fill the available space."

Nevertheless, there are going to be many qualified students who will be bitterly disappointed to find that they cannot go to college of their choice.

However, good educations are still possible for them, and after a suitable period of mourning, most of them will settle into some smaller and less famous institution, and in many cases find rewards they had not dreamed of.

70,000 more nurses needed

The Labor Department reports a shortage of 70,000 nurses in the United States.

Although there are more than 430,000 active professional nurses in the country — the highest number in history—the demand for more nurses continues.

Factors responsible for this demand are the rapid increases in population and widespread public interest in good health and prevention of illness, according to Mrs. Alice K. Leopold, Assistant to the Secretary of Labor and Director of the Women's Bureau.

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Clerks thank all AFLCIO unions for aid in Ward case

James A. Suffridge, general president, Retail Clerks International Association, has issued the following statement, addressed to all international unions, State and local central bodies, AFLCIO:

The five-month old strike and boycott against Montgomery Ward and Company by the Retail Clerks International Association has been terminated by the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

The terms of the agreement include a modified union shop, an across-the-board wage increase, a cost-of-living clause, a seniority provision, a forty hour week, reemployment of all striking employees and dissolution of all legal actions against each other by the company and the union.

In the closing stages of the negotiations the RCIA negotiating committee joined with a similar committee representing the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in presenting joint demands to Montgomery Ward.

The terms agreed upon were identical for members of both organizations. The complete text of the negotiated terms are now being presented by the local unions involved in the dispute to the Ward employees for ratification.

The Retail Clerks International Association wishes to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful fraternal support which you gave to our cause.

Our members were inspired by the many acts of solidarity which your organization extended to them throughout the long and arduous struggle.

Our members will never forget that the gains made by them, in wages, union security, shorter hours, and improved working conditions are largely due to your steadfast support.

In helping us to secure an honorable settlement on behalf of Montgomery Ward employees, you have strengthened the labor movement. We gratefully acknowledge your help and will remember to follow your example.

PRINTING PRESSMEN 125 are planning a "family night" at which wives of the members will be invited guests. Fred Brooks of that union told the Central Labor Council. Brooks said this idea was stressed at the recent Monterey Union Leadership Conference.

Western Union pact achieved

Larry Ross, president, Commercial Telegraphers 208, issued this statement:

The following telegram was received from Washington, D. C. on May 31:

WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT WE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH COMPANY ON NEW CONTRACT. IT PROVIDES FOR WAGE INCREASE OF ELEVEN CENTS PER HOUR, SIX CENTS OF WHICH WILL BE EFFECTIVE JUNE FIRST THIS YEAR AND FIVE CENTS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER FIRST THIS YEAR. WALKING, BICYCLE MESSENGERS WITH TWO YEARS OR MORE OF PROGRESSION CREDIT WILL ALSO RECEIVE THIS INCREASE.

PENSIONS TO BE BASED, EFFECTIVE WITH NEW CONTRACT, ON LAST FIVE YEARS OR HIGHEST FIVE YEARS. FUND ESTABLISHED FOR EQUALIZATION WITH METROPOLITAN DIVISION AMOUNTING TO THREE CENTS PER HOUR PER EMPLOYEE AND INCREASES EMERGING FROM

EQUALIZATION NEGOTIATIONS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1959. COMPLETE DETAILS WILL BE MAILED NEXT WEEK. WE CONSIDER THIS A GOOD CONTRACT AND WILL RECOMMEND RATIFICATION. THE CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP HAS BROUGHT ABOUT THIS GOOD SETTLEMENT.

NATIONAL BARGAINING COMMITTEE, CTU-AFLCIO.

We have demonstrated once again that our union is strong. To accomplish substantial benefits at a time when the nation is in the midst of a recession is a tribute to the membership and their leaders.

We must begin at once to make our union even more militant—two years pass in a hurry—let's pay more attention to politics so that by the time 1960 rolls around the nation will be enjoying full employment and prosperity again.

Laurel Theater in pact with union

James B. Perry, secretary, Moving Picture Operators 169, makes the following statement:

The Moving Picture Operators of Oakland takes this means to thank our friends of the Laurel district, in Oakland for their kindly support in helping us straighten out our difficulty with the management of the Laurel Theater.

We recognize as fair only those theaters who employ our members and appreciate the help given us by the members of organized labor who withheld their patronage while the theater ran without being manned by a member of our Local.

The new management now sees the light and has employed a union operator. We therefore ask you to go to his show when seeking entertainment in that vicinity and help him to maintain a strictly union theater in your locality.

DEPARTMENT & Specialty Store Employees 1265 feels very grateful for the support its informational picket lines got in Oakland, Berkeley, and Hayward. Al Kidder of that union told the Central Labor Council at its meeting this week. "We found we had loyal supporters," he said.

Reports by Auto and Rubber Union

General Motors, Ford and Chrysler contracts with the United Auto Workers have expired, and the men are now working without a contract.

Jack E. Tobler, Auto Workers 1031, had told the Central Labor Council recently on returning from a meeting in the East Bay that the big companies were making every effort to crowd the union into striking, as the companies figured that with a big inventory on hand they might damage the union if it struck.

Edwin Porreca of the Rubber Workers, back from a policy meeting of his union in Akron, told the council that Goodyear, despite \$12,000,000 profits in the first quarter of the year, was pleading poverty to union negotiators, and also seemed to be trying to take advantage of the recession to crowd the union.

Demo Women's Study Club party set June 11

The Alameda County Democratic Women's Study Club is sponsoring a dessert card party, Wednesday, June 11, 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall, 411 - 28th St., Oakland. Admission seventy-five cents. Door and table prizes. Public invited.

George Hunt goes back into surgery

George Hunt, business representative, Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees, 302, is at Kaiser hospital in Walnut Creek. Shortly after the operation he seemed to be doing very well, then for some reason the incision reopened, and he returned to surgery for a two-hour session. He spent a very bad night Monday, and Tuesday, Mrs. Hunt told the East Bay Labor Journal representative who telephoned the hospital, he was again slowly recovering.

Christian Science new leader named

Leonard T. Carney of Boston, Mass., was this week named President of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Carney's appointment was announced by the Christian Science Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the denomination attended by more than 7,000 Christian Scientists from many parts of the world. He succeeds Miss Mabel Ellen Lucas of Brookline, Mass.

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DEPARTMENT & SPECIALTY STORE
EMPLOYEES LOCAL 1265

Unions may join downtown business and City vs. Key

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pany's final offer was a lousy four cents an hour more now, and four cents more next year under a two-year contract.

"The company is trying to pretend that our people get standard pay for the type of work. This is not true. Our drivers get \$2.08 per hour, while in the four or five other cities of comparable size the scale is \$2.22, and will be \$2.31 after July. But the company is raking up and adding together and then dividing the pay in small places for an average in their argument with us. Our top pay for maintenance men here is only \$2.35, which again is a low figure.

"The stoppage may be short, or it may be long, and we are very sorry to cause inconvenience to anyone. But under the circumstances when the time came we had to walk."

Stambaugh said that the union had placed pickets at the yards — Seminary Avenue and San Leandro Boulevard in East Oakland, 21st Street and Macdonald Avenue in Richmond, and 45th Street and San Pablo Avenue in Emeryville.

"If you're near any of those places," suggested Stambaugh, "stop by and say hello to our boys, and let 'em know you're labor people and are with them in this."

Stambaugh also said that the union would greatly appreciate it if every effort would be made by all union people to help anyone stranded for lack of transportation.

Joe W. Chaudet, representing the Newspaper Guild, made the motion to give the strikers all-out support, and it passed with a bang.

E. Scala, Carmen 192, said that President Stanley of the Key System had refused to meet personally with the union's negotiating committee during the final hectic stages, and had seemingly stayed in hiding.

'Take any bus running out Foothill boulevard'

Charles Jones, Food Clerks 870, won the prize for elegant comedy at the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week.

Someone had asked how to get to the Food Clerks building at 6537 Foothill Boulevard. Jones spoke up promptly:

"Just take any bus running out Foothill Boulevard. . . ."

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

After the last meeting at which time a good number of the members wives were present to see the picture on right to scab and hear brother Art Hellender explain the various pitfalls the working man would be confronted with if such a thing would ever happen.

It was my pleasure to talk with a number of the women and they all expressed the opinion that the show and brother Hellender's talk were very good, not only enjoyable but educational as well. They said why don't you do this more often?

I would like to take this opportunity to express the thanks of Local Union 127 to brother Hellender for the fine job he did.

I hope the brothers will not forget that the next two meetings will be special called meetings for the purpose of nomination and election of officers.

Work at the present time is picking up a little.

I regret to report the death of brothers Luke O'Brien who has been in the hospital for some time, and James McClennan whom I think many of the older members well remember.

The holiday trip was all right, but don't ask brother Parman how the fishing was. Brother Wheeler tells me he did well up in the snow country.

Had a visit from two of our older members brothers West Carpenter, and H. E. Albers. Both say hello to all of their old friends.

Excuse me, Herb, I don't mean to call you old.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

The picket line has been established at the Mutual Watch Institute of America at 2178 Market Street in San Francisco, and now that Mildred is back in the office from her vacation, I can start visiting the drug stores and hardware stores that are the watch and repair pick-up outlets for this establishment.

We want to thank those members who have sent into the office, the names of drug stores that have displayed \$6.95 price watch repair advertisements. Also, we are again requesting that all members join in the drive to report all such advertising immediately to the union office.

Starting this picket line during a holiday week was more than a full week's schedule, therefore, the Mutual Watch Institute of America controversy is the only activity to report this week.

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Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

As the recently appointed fraternal delegate from the Building Trades Council to the Central Labor Council, the first important activity in the CLC on which I have to report is the discussion there on the Key System strike.

The CLC unanimously adopted a resolution backing the strikers, and in supporting this I must admit to personal bias, having carried on a one-man war against Key System policies for 20 years or more.

It is hard to see the public necessity for a public transportation system operated without any consideration for the public and its needs. I have always resented the fact that the public must provide handsome profits for three corporations: the National City Lines, the holding corporation, which for years has paid nearly 10% on the common stock; the Key System, the operating corporation, which also makes a profit; and that third company whose business consists in owning real estate and other odds and ends of property.

Incidentally, in the Public Utilities Commission hearings to fix rates the books of that third mysterious company were never made public, as some special privileged exemption was claimed.

During the strike in 1953 which lasted some 76 days the management demonstrated its enlightened interest in the public by showing complete unconcern.

The present strike expresses a quiet determination of the employees in the face of full realization of the possible consequences to gain pay comparable to that in other cities of the same size, and decent contract conditions.

All brothers are asked to give any assistance they can to people without means of transportation. Let's show that we of labor are concerned with the welfare of the people.

BILL MARSHALL adds:

I have already had several questions on our health and welfare plan as you know, the carpenter had a choice between Kaiser and Blue Cross for medical coverage. The chief question had to do with identification cards and how soon they would be available.

The Health and Welfare Fund office has turned the selection cards over to the Kaiser staff. Kaiser will process them and send out identification cards just as soon as possible, but I have been told that it will probably take at least a month.

Meanwhile, any carpenter needing medical care and who indicated Kaiser on his selection card, can go directly to the Kaiser hospital. Kaiser hospital will check with its staff to determine that coverage is there.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

This business office has been advised that the Standard Oil Company will start an immediate expansion program at the Standard Oil refinery in Richmond, California. Nucleus of the project is construction of a 40,000 barrel a day fluid catalytic cracker, designed to increase the refinery's output of motor gasoline. This cracker will be built near the thermal catalytic and present asphalt plant.

From all indications the Fluor Corporation will build this cracker and other contractors will have the various installations leading up to this project. The total cost of the new expansion plant will be between \$33,000,000 and \$35,000,000 and as the Fluor Corporation has designed and built a similar plant the construction should start in the near future.

Approximately the middle of June the Fluor Maintenance Company, Union Oil refinery, will have a major shut down, lasting some five weeks and also, Ehrhart & Associates will start their job at the Shell Oil Company's refinery in Martinez. This project will last approximately six months and will employ some ninety fitters and welders.

There is nothing new at this writing relative to the Columbia Steel or Dow Chemical in Pittsburg and the last large project due to start the latter part of the year is the Pacific Gas and Electric generating plant in Pittsburg.

So, with other small jobs and our sister local unions helping us out and the unemployment situation as it is on a State and National basis, it seems that we will have our share of work for our members.

The business office would like to call to the attention of the membership the importance of keeping your address and telephone number up to date at all times so that when work is available we will be able to contact you without any difficulty.

Our next meeting will be held on July 3.

Carpenters Auxiliary

By WAVA M. BARBER

June 13 — Agnes Anderson, will entertain the Auxiliary in her home, assisted by Clara Durlinger, 2245 Ranson Avenue, Oakland, 8 p.m. This is the social night and come and enjoy yourselves.

June 20 — The Sewing Club Dinner "The Red Rooster" 7:30 p.m., 510 - 17th Street, Oakland. Reservations made with President until further notice.

June 27 — Nomination and election of officers. It's the responsibility of each and everyone to attend.

Your reporter Wava Barber is spending 2 weeks of June in Colorado on vacation. I will be back for election of officers.

SENATOR KNOWLAND was so proud of the speech he made before the State CIO political convention at Fresno April 19 that recently he had it broadcast over a Statewide radio hookup. This was the speech he made when he posed as "Daniel in the lions den." The grim silence with which the CIO delegates greeted his speech was not recorded on the radio.

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Knowland suffers big prestige blow in primary vote

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eliminated his contestants in the Democratic primary, and was placing to fight it out with his Republican opponent in November.

In the Assembly contests labor's Assemblyman Bob Crown was doing well in the 14th, as was labor's Nick Petris in the 15th, and labor's Winton McKibben in the 18th.

Both Supervisors backed by labor, Francis Dunn and Leland Sweeney, were winners.

In general, the only bad news for labor in the primary election was, as one politician observed, that "the results were so good that labor is in danger of thinking that it won't have to turn in and work hard for victory in the general election."

For it was expected that labor's opponents would now, after this humiliation in the primary, mobilize millions of dollars, hire thousands of doorbell pullers, buy acres of ads in dailies and on billboards.

Cohelan was okay, listed by union

Jeffery Cohelan, labor Democratic candidate for Congress in the 7th District, told the Central Labor Council that he rang the doorbell at one house, and the man who answered it said, "Just a minute, let me look at the list my union sent me, so I can see if you're all right. Yes, here it is, you're on my union's list, so you're okay, and I will certainly vote for you."

Jobless aid helps in the recession

More than a billion dollars in unemployment insurance benefits was channeled into community and national purchasing power during the first quarter of this year, Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell said at a press conference.

Bureau of Employment Security figures show that \$1,024,000,000 was paid to workers covered by the Federal-State system of unemployment insurance during the 3-month period. This includes payments to workers covered by State unemployment insurance laws, Federal civilian workers, and Korean veterans. Another \$61,000,000 has been paid by the Railroad Retirement Board to railroad workers covered by the unemployment insurance program for railroad workers.

Total payments to all jobless workers as partial compensation for wage loss aggregate about \$1,100,000,000, Mr. Mitchell declared. He said improvements made in unemployment insurance programs in recent years contributed to the record unemployment insurance payment figures. Since 1954, the number of workers covered by the Federal-State system has increased by 7,000,000 to 43,000,000 and the dollar amount of the average weekly check has increased by more than \$5 over this period to \$30.40.



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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

There will be only one meeting a month during June, July, August, and September. This will be held on the first Thursday of each of those months.

During that period there will be two executive board meetings a month, on the first and third Thursdays.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y., Bus. Mgr.

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The day for the regular monthly meeting has been changed from the first Thursday to the fourth Wednesday of each month.

This means that the next meeting will be held June 25.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Bus. Mgr., Fin. Sec.
and Treasurer

CARPENTERS 36

Starting in the month of June a special feature will be held to try to stimulate better attendance at our union meetings.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 10.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

The June 13th meeting has been designated a special called meeting as requested by District Council 16 to vote on a referendum to raise the per capita tax.

Nominations will be in order for one trustee, the election to take place the following meeting.

I hope all our members have read the pamphlets sent out by the Local on the "Right to Work" bill. The working conditions we have achieved over the years will be lost if this bill is passed.

Let's have a good turnout to this important meeting.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

MILLMEN 550

Members wishing to donate to the local's blood bank should get in touch with Kaiser Foundation hospital or with the undersigned.

Fraternally,
E. H. OVENBERG,
Financial Secretary

CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 meets at Eagle's Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held June 7, Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

The reason for again having our meeting in the afternoon is that we had a good attendance at our first afternoon meeting. Why not try again?

The executive board will meet at 1 p.m. sharp. Again, brothers, there are matters for your consideration, principally among them, your negotiations—so please make every effort to attend at 2 p.m. at Eagles Hall, 2238 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, just north of Bancroft.

Refreshments will be served by Coffee Jennings.

Fraternally yours,
CHAS. HOBBS,
Secretary-Treasurer

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, on June 7, 1958 at 2:00 p.m.

The executive board will meet at the home of Vice-President George Machado, 2301 - 99th Avenue, Oakland, at 9:00 a.m., same day.

Fraternally,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Official Notice to members of Local No. 1622, 1641 Mattox Road, Hayward.

Nomination of candidates, Friday, June 6, at 8 p.m. Election, Friday, June 13, voting time 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. to elect one trustee, sick committee and delegates to the State Council of Carpenters, State Federation of Labor, Building Trades Council and COPE.

Contracting members and those who have not been a member of Local No. 1622 for 12 consecutive months are not eligible to vote, as per Sec. 42, Par. W., and Sec. 43, Par. Q of the International Constitution. It is the duty of every eligible member to vote.

Announcement of future meetings and other events will be printed.

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ed in East Bay Labor Journal, now the official paper of Local Union No. 1622

The financial secretary-treasurer wishes to announce that the \$2.00 assessment voted by the local was due June 1, 1958, payable ahead of the dues, as stated in the general constitution.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Following the regular meeting Friday, June 6 a special called meeting will be held in order to nominate officers. Another subject for consideration will be the proposed increase in per capita tax to District Council 16, from the present 10 cents to 20 cents per member per month.

The AFLCIO film exposing the "right to work" propagandists will be shown at the meeting.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: The next two meetings of the local are special called meetings.

Thursday, June 12 meeting will be for the nomination of all officers and delegates to the central bodies. Also we are to vote on a resolution from District Council 16 to raise the per capita tax from 10 cents to 20 cents a month per member.

Thursday, June 26 meeting will be to elect officers and delegates for the year. Also any other important matter that may come up.

Let's get down to these two important meetings. Hope to see a lot of members down.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

IKE FOR SPEEDY WORK ON RECESSION (IN '52)

"... if there is any sign on the horizon of a recession or an economic collapse, the full power of the government (will be) instantly marshaled, instantly concentrated and localized, to prevent that kind of catastrophe in this country."—Candidate Eisenhower, Oct. 21, 1952.

Business joining Doom & Gloom Club

Treasurer Walter Hoadley, Jr., of the Armstrong Cork Co. says the current recession is "more than a rolling readjustment," and predicts that it will last "through 1960." President Henry Ford II of the Ford Motor Co. calls for strong Government action to end the recession if the economy does not quickly show some recovery signs of its own. President Alfred Hayes of the New York Federal Reserve Bank believes "the immediate dangers of recession" outweigh "the immediate dangers of inflation."

Does the press call them "apostles of doom and gloom" and place the "Socialist" tag on them? Naturally not; they're not labor leaders.—AFLCIO—COPE.

Los Angeles earnings in factories dropping down

In April, for the first time since the readjustment period at the end of World War II, gross weekly earnings of factory workers in the Los Angeles area dropped below the corresponding month a year ago, Edward P. Park, California Director of Industrial Relations, announces.

McClintock gives Postal pay detail

A. B. McClintock, secretary of the Postal Central Council, explains the Postal Pay and Rate bill which President Eisenhower recently signed as follows:

"Employees in Level Four (that is regular clerks and carriers and others in that level) increase their annual salary as follows: Step 1, \$375; step 2, \$390; step 3, \$405; step 4, \$420; step 5, \$435; step 6, \$450; step 7, \$465. This is retroactive to January 1, 1958.

"This also increases postal rates on 1st class mail from 3 to 4 cents; air mail from 6 to 7 cents; 2nd class mail 10 percent on editorial and 20 percent on advertising, effective January 1, 1959, on 2nd class, and 30 days after the first of the month following date of signature into law."

Committees are named to County Fair's key posts

Committee leaders from communities throughout Alameda County have been named to key posts for the 1958 county fair, by William Ralph, president.

Dates of the 1958 Exposition are June 30 through July 13.

Officers of the historic festival include William Ralph, president; Dale Carithers, Mission San Jose, vice-president; James W. Trimmingham, Pleasanton, secretary-manager; Everett Nevin, Oakland, assistant secretary-manager; and Supervisor Chester Stanley, chairman, Fairgrounds committee.

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Cooperative pacts with Employment Dept. are renewed

Approval of cooperative agreements with the State Department of Employment was voiced by several East Bay labor leaders at a recent Labor Temple meeting held with department officials to renew existing agreements.

The meeting was held to sign renewal agreements with those unions which have continued to meet department requirements. The renewals climaxed a recent review of each union's placement operations by the department. Most of the existing Oakland area agreements have been in effect for the past five years.

The purpose of the agreements is to allow unions which operate placement facilities to certify to the department that an unemployed member has, by complying with his union's rules, met the "seek work" requirements of the California Unemployment Insurance Code. The agreements serve to expedite service to members because the department is able to eliminate much of the questioning connected with the certification for weekly unemployment benefits.

Renewing agreements with the Department of Employment were S. E. Rockwell, IBEW 595; Charles Geroni, Carpet and Linoleum Layers 1290; Clyde Peter, Stage Riggers 3116; Lloyd Ferber, East Bay Machinists 1304; Dale Ray, Iron Workers 378; and Jack Wood, Plasterers 112.

Marc W. Johnson, Coastal Area manager, signed for the Department of Employment. Attending the meeting were Richard Groulx, Assistant Secretary, Alameda County Labor Council, Peter D. Kristich, Oakland Industrial Employment Office Manager, and George Croda, the department's Labor Relations Representative.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES 29 have filed for a representational vote by 35 office workers employed by Langendorf, Continental, and Grandmas bakeries, John Kinnick of that union informed the Central Labor Council this week. It has also filed for an election in a cannery.



S. E. ROCKWELL, Business Representative, I.B.E.W. 595, seated center, renews his union's cooperative agreement with the State Department of Employment. Signing, left, is Marc W. Johnson, D. of E. Coastal Area Manager as Richard Groulx, Assistant Secretary A. C. L. C., seated right and Peter D. Kristich, Oakland Employment Office Manager, standing 3rd from left, witness the signing. Also renewing agreements were, standing left to right, Jack Wood, Plasterers 112, Charles Geroni, Carpet and Linoleum Layers 1290, Clyde Peter, Stage Riggers 3116, Dale Ray, Iron Workers 378, and Lloyd Ferber, East Bay Machinists 1304.

Women in military service is theme

WASHINGTON — Appointed in January to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services by Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy, Mrs. William F. Schnitzler attended the committee's recent semi-annual meeting here.

The wife of the AFLCIO secretary-treasurer took part in sessions which advised the Defense Department on matters pertaining to all women in the services, as well as establishment of an informational program on the need for women in the military services.—AFLCIO News.

NOMINATIONS for place on CLC civil rights committee will be held Monday, June 9, to fill place vacated by Howard Jeter, Teachers, no longer a delegate.

Tax reduction initiative is defended by State federation

The State Federation of Labor Executive Council has issued the following statement on the tax reduction measure to be on the November ballot:

Proposition 17, popularly identified as the sales tax reduction initiative, will redistribute California's tax burden, giving relief to better than 90 percent of the taxpayers.

Not only will this be realized without jeopardy to the financial position of the state, but the revision will in fact add some \$80 million annually to California purchasing power.

The cries now raised against the measure voice the fears of the wealthy few. It is perhaps understandable that they should fight to retain their present tax privileges. However, they should realize that history and justice are against them.

Let us consider the following facts:

(1) Although the cutting of the state sales tax from 3 percent to 2 percent will benefit ALL income groups, low and middle-income taxpayers will profit most; low-income individuals now carry a sales tax burden at least 150 percent greater than those in the upper brackets.

(2) The measure will reduce the income tax paid by individuals filing single returns who have taxable incomes (gross income less deductions) of less than \$9,167. All married couples filing joint returns who have taxable incomes of less than \$18,335 would also pay a smaller income tax. Persons filing state income tax returns with taxable incomes above these respective amounts would in turn pay a progressively larger state income tax.

(3) The recapturing of revenue lost by the sales tax reduction will be basically realized through providing state income tax rates ranging from 1/2 percent on taxable incomes under \$5,000 to 46 percent on taxable incomes over \$50,000, instead of the present range of 1 percent on taxable incomes under \$5,000 to 6 per-

cent on taxable incomes over \$25,000. These ranges apply in the case of single returns.

Where a husband and wife file a joint return the rates would range from 1/2 percent on taxable incomes below \$10,000 to 46 percent on taxable incomes over \$100,000, instead of present rates ranging from 1 percent on taxable incomes below \$10,000 to 6 percent on taxable incomes above \$50,000. This will mean increased state taxation for only the top 10 percent of California taxpayers. They will pay a total of \$197 million in additional taxes to the state of California. However, they will be able to deduct \$133.5 million of this from their federal income tax, thus giving new strength to the California economy.

(4) The increase in state income tax revenues will replace revenue losses from the sales tax cut within a margin representing less than 1 percent of state general fund revenues. In using State Franchise Tax Board estimates to show a large loss, the opponents of the initiative have conveniently ignored the fact that the Board's estimates were based on personal income statistics for 1956, and have made no adjustment for subsequent increases in personal income.

(5) The present state tax structure has been so inadequate and so lopsided in favor of the wealthy that the 1959 session of the legislature will face a budget deficit of about \$200 million. The tax revision measure has nothing to do with the deficit. On the contrary, it will establish a basic, constitutional foundation for the raising of additional revenues by a fair and democratic formula. It will become the duty of the 1959 legislature to obtain additional moneys to meet the expanding needs of the state. We insist that this must be done on the basis of ability to pay. The present fiscal crisis was brought about by the success of the wealthy few in exempting themselves from bearing an equitable share of the state tax burden.

(6) There is nothing in the initiative measure which either alters the priority on revenues given our public school system, or in any way prevents the state from meeting its overall fiscal needs. Indeed, by calling upon the wealthy few to pay a fair share of the state tax bill, the initiative strengthens the fiscal base of California.

Knowland's paper cautious, or maybe is pusillanimous?

Labor people on the eve of Tuesday's primary noted with interest the extreme caution with which the Knowland Tribune handled its list of recommendations of candidates.

Monday, the day before the election, the list of recommendations, which the Tribune usually flaunts before the voters' eyes on such a day, was relegated to page 4. When it did appear on the first page, as on May 31, and on other days on back pages, there were some striking omissions.

The following important offices were left by the Tribune without recommendation: Attorney General, U. S. Senator, State Senator, and County School Superintendent.

The explanation was given that "in some cases where there are contests for party nominations, or where nonpartisan contests cannot be decided at the primary, no recommendation is made."

In other words, run no risk of alienating votes from the paper's candidate for Governor by mixing in on important other contests.

The failure to make a recommendation for U. S. Senator was especially noticeable. The idea seemed to be: After killing off a candidate for Governor, don't even elect a memorial in honor of the dead.

A man named Knight will surely remember this "silent tribute" to him from Senator Knowland, who, according to the Tribune's coy admission in the Memorial Day issue, is "a hard but always honorable fighter."

THE EXAMINER for reasons best known to its management also had a big omission in its list of recommendations: the "monarch of the dailies" withheld royal recommendation for Governor; unlike the Chronicle it didn't come out for a fellow publisher trying to capture the top office in the State.

Readers were left free to speculate that the Hearst family feels it might gain more by keeping out of the alliance of the Chandler Los Angeles Times and the Knowland Tribune with which the Chronicle went tamely along.

Another sign of the times in the Examiner list was the split ticket for the House of Representatives. The Examiner made recommendations in 13th Congressional Districts; in six of these it recommended Democrats: Harold T. Johnson in the 2nd District; John E. Moss Jr. in the 3rd; John F. Shelley in the 5th; George P. Miller in the 8th; John J. McFall in the 11th; and B. F. Sisk in the 12th.

THE NEWS made no bones about it: it came out for Brown. And with the Examiner playing it cagey in the primary, the possibilities are obvious that in the general election the grand dukes of the press may be divided into two factions, the Scripps-Howard and Hearst people on one side, and the Chandler, Knowland, and DeYoung (Chronicle) press lords on the other.—LB

Chiropodists seek H-W program place

The California Association of Chiropodists, representing 350 foot specialists, has begun an intensive campaign to acquaint labor union members and their families with the importance of including chiropody service benefits in health and welfare plans.

"Working men and women depend to a large extent on strong and healthy feet. If foot problems are neglected, eventually a man will lose valuable work time," declared Dr. Robert L. Jacoby, President of the Association.



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Teamster release describes dispute among Hoffa foes

The Teamsters from their headquarters in Washington have put out a press release giving their version of troubles besetting the group of 13 rank-and-file New York Teamsters who brought suit to prevent James R. Hoffa and others from taking office as Teamster officials.

The 13-rank-and-file Teamsters failed in their effort to prevent Hoffa and his associates from taking office, but succeeded in getting the Federal Court to set up a board of three monitors to keep check on the conduct of Teamster affairs under the Hoffa regime. These monitors are officers of the court, and make reports to it.

The release from President Hoffa's headquarters states that "the so-called '13 rank-and-filers' from New York City . . . are having some dandy problems of their own."

The press release then cites the action of John Cunningham, one of the rank-and-filers, in recently bringing "suit to remove their representative, Godfrey P. Schmidt, from the board of monitors, saying Schmidt had refused to account for \$19,500 in contributions for the law suit" against the Hoffa group.

The press release also tells of the dispute between Schmidt and other attorneys over what proportion of the legal fees should go to Schmidt and what should go to the attorneys associated with him in the action against the Hoffa group.

The court, since the action of the rank-and-filers was won to the extent of having Hoffa and his group put under the court's monitors, will assess the cost of the rank-and-filers' lawsuit against the Hoffa-led Teamsters. Schmidt originally asked for a fee of \$300,000, and later scaled it down to \$200,000, but his associate attorneys claim he left them out.

"The Teamsters Union," the press release concludes, "has declared it will oppose anything but a 'reasonable fee' for Schmidt."

The press release goes into detail about charges and counter-charges made by various persons associated with the rank-and-file group concerning the alleged failure to account for various sums of money.

One charge is that the Dairy-men's League and Carnation Stock Farm put up \$5000 of the money gathered by the rank-and-filers for the action against the Hoffa group.

"Meanwhile," says the Teamsters Union press release, "News-week Magazine referred to John Patrick Kennedy, who describes himself as the leader of the '13 rank-and-filers,' as 'a Sing Sing alumnus with a record of convictions for petty larceny and assault and robbery.'"

Nominations for 2 posts Benham held

Resignation of Les Benham, Bakery Drivers 432, leaves a vacancy on the executive committee of the Central Labor Council and on the law and legislative committee. Nominations to fill both places will be held at the CLC June 9 meeting. On motion of Joe W. Chaudet, representing the Newspaper Guild, the council adopted a resolution praising Benham for long and faithful service.

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Union-maiming laws told BTC; Key System franchise rapped

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McClellan of Arkansas, Senator Goldwater of Arizona, and others, if passed would go a long way toward putting labor unions out of commission.

Men would refuse to run for places as officers of local unions if they had to make reports 25 or 30 pages long to the Government, and if they were liable to a \$5000 fine or 5 years in prison for making in all innocence "statements tending to mislead" such as some of these bills specified.

"We're in trouble," Childers concluded, "and if some of this stuff goes through, organizing the unorganized will become a secondary operation. We'd have to have an attorney and a court reporter present at every meeting, the attorney to tell us what we could and could not do, and the court reporter to take down every word, so there'd be no danger of making reports to the Government 'tending to mislead.'"

KEY SYSTEM FRANCHISE

Al Thoman, Carpenters 36, fraternal delegate to the Central Labor Council, reported that body's full support of the strike against the Key System, and its determination, on motion of Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, to consult downtown merchants and the Oakland City Council in an effort to bring pressure on the Key management for a reasonable settlement.

Rutledge at the suggestion of Thoman then outlined what he had said at the CLC meeting, and added that it should be remembered that through the Citizens Committee on which he and Childers served during the 1953 strike there was real pres-

sure brought on the Key management by court action.

At that time, Rutledge said, Key System was confronted with the fact that it could have its franchise canceled if it showed so little interest in the public welfare. This should be brought up again, he said, in the present transit crisis.

The delegates voted unanimously to cooperate with the CLC committee in the Key matter. Rutledge warned the delegates that in dealing with President Stanley of Key System labor and the public alike are dealing with a very tough anti-labor anti-public service individual.

DAVIS-BACON CLAUSE

The AFLCIO Building & Construction Trades Bulletin was received. It stressed the fact that the Senate in adopting the Fulbright Community Services bill included in it the Davis-Bacon amendment applying the prevailing wage principle to all work done under the bill.

The amendment was sponsored by Senator Kuchel of California, among others.

The bulletin emphasizes the work of the legislative conference held by the AFLCIO Building Trades Department in calling attention to the need for legislation similar to the Bacon-Davis amendment.

PORT OF OAKLAND will advertise for bids from investors interested in building a \$1,500,000 motor hotel with a minimum of 100 units between the East-shore freeway and Metropolitan Oakland International Airport. Three of 31 potential investors interviewed are said to have shown willingness to make bids for the ground lease, it was stated.

HENRY SIMPSON LEARNS WHAT A BUREAU KNOWS

Henry Simpson, Bakery Workers 125 (Cracker Bakers) got a jolt the other day when he asked the representative of a Government agency with which unions file reports for some advice about filling out a form. The reply he got was concise: "We hand these forms out. We don't know how to fill 'em out."

Money and credit will be surveyed

Formation of a twenty-five man independent national Commission on Money and Credit, which will undertake the first thorough survey of United States public and private monetary and financial policies and institutions in half a century, has been announced by Donald K. David, chairman of the board of trustees of the Committee for Economic Development.

The commission, which includes figures from business, finance, education, labor and agriculture, will be headed by Frazer B. Wilde, president of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn., as chairman, and H. Christian Sonne, New York, chairman of the National Planning Association, as vice chairman.

The Commission on Money and Credit, which was established by the Committee for Economic Development (CED) with a grant of \$500,000 from the Ford Foundation, will be a self-governing body.

The labor members are: Stanley H. Ruttenberg, director of research, AFLCIO.

William F. Schnitzler, secretary-treasurer, AFLCIO.

Tell 'em you saw is in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Lady warns Cong. George P. Miller Knowland is grand

Congressman George P. Miller has received a letter from San Pedro over the signature of "Mrs. Alfred Jorgensen, President, Women for Good Government," which illustrates the pro-Knowland anti-labor propaganda with which Congress is being bombarded.

The lady roundly declares that "Senator Knowland and a handful of brave men have sacrificed political advantages in their efforts to keep America a land of justice and equal rights. Senator Knowland's Bill of Rights for the workingman is one of the most reasonable and equitable pieces of legislation that has yet been offered to Congress."

Collective bargaining and strikes are explained very simply in the letter:

"Union executives the country over sit down and fix the price of labor, which is largely responsible for the cost of living. These men ride with impunity over the rights of business institutions which are held responsible for the economic well being of this country. They permit murder and violence to gain their ends, they subject workers to long periods of idleness so that they, the leaders, may gain more power. These men rest upon a bed of eiderdown while toll from the workingman's wages falls into their already bulging pockets. And Congress closes its eyes."

She insists that "unless there is a new birth in individual recognition of national responsibility, union leadership, reinforced by the underworld, will take over this land of ours. This is not idle chatter."

The lady in her excitement left out the familiar line: "I believe in good unions, BUT . . . !!"

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Butch Powers tells all, wins putrescent tomato

Lieutenant Governor Harold J. (Butch) Powers, Republican, deserves the putrescent tomato prize for the most self-revealing speech made by any candidate during the primary campaign which came to an end Tuesday.

The Hon. Butch, by the way, is the gentleman whom East Bay Labor Journal called "the candidate in the cellar" during the campaign four years ago. This was because, although one faction in the State AFL, while formally endorsing the Hon. Butch along with their candidate for Governor, never mentioned him again throughout the campaign; they kept him in the cellar out of sight, a reactionary they were ashamed of.

The Hon. Butch speaks, of course, as a member of a minority party which for years figured on controlling California due to the crossfiling system combined with the concealing of party affiliation. The minority party, representing the rich, was able to buy up more billboards and advertisements and send more mailed items to the voters. On the top of that its members owned most of the newspapers.

This was what was called choosing the man rather than the party. Or, as the Hon. Butch elegantly put it, speaking to the Alameda Republican Assembly at the Alameda Hotel:

"Republican candidates, of necessity, have depended upon free thinking Democratic and independent voters for many years in retaining good government in California. The majority of these voters have shown their preference for the man rather than the party, and it has paid off for the State of California."

That is, it has paid off for the Republican Party, the minority party.

But now and for some time the honest system has been in effect. That is, the man with the big papers, the big ads, the big billboards, has to come out in the open and put the word, Republican, behind his name, whether he's running in his own primary or in the primary of the majority party, the Democratic Party.

Since vast numbers of registered Democrats know that the word, Republican, means that a candidate is spokesman of the minority party which represents the big Knowland interests against the people, a dreadful thing happens: these Democrats vote for candidates with the word, Democrat, behind their names. Again to quote the Hon. Butch's elegant paraphrase of these brutal facts:

"Democratic leaders seek to lead voters into straight party line voting regardless of whether their candidate is the better man. If this aim can be realized, Republican candidates in California, regardless of their superior qualifications, will be beaten before the voter even enters the polls."

By "the better man" with "superior qualifications," of course, the Hon. Butch means the man with the most ads, billboards, and newspapers, representing the rich man's party. Another elegant translation of this by the Hon. Butch in the same speech is the phrase "men of higher caliber who are devoted to the interests of all."

Men like Knowland, for instance, so "devoted to the interests of all" the rich employers that he is eager to wipe out unionism, which merely serves "the interests of all" the plain folks.

Hon. Butch, accept the putrescent tomato prize. You've earned it.

He who sups with the Devil...

Under the Dave Beck regime the Teamsters were already working out alliances with various unions for organizing purposes. This process was watched with interest by all who knew the ambition of Beck to form what amounted to a great dual federation with the Teamsters at its core.

The same process of alliance-forming, still going on under Jimmy Hoffa—who of course was known to be the driving force behind the Beck moves in this direction—is being, naturally, watched with even greater interest. It is to be assumed that unions belonging to the AFLCIO and entering into these alliances never forget that "he who sups with the Devil needs a long spoon."

'Very surprised and confused'

"We were very surprised and confused," the Tribune quoted President Glen L. Stanley of the Key System as saying, when, after prolonged negotiations and a 24-hour extension of contract by the union, the strike was called.

The public has long been "very surprised and confused" by the famous three-card monte game in which Key System is one of the cards, National City Lines another, and the third entity specializes in owning property and juggling figures.

Under the Heel



WHY SCHOOL TEACHERS SHOULD BE UNIONISTS

Editor, Labor Journal: This letter from Bob Ash to the Oakland teachers was sent out the first week in May. We'd really appreciate having this run in East Bay Labor Journal. Fraternally GEORGE STOKES, Oakland Teachers.

TO OAKLAND TEACHERS

DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

For some time I have wanted to communicate directly with the classroom teachers in Oakland about the many problems which you are confronted with in the public schools. We in the labor movement are very much concerned over these problems. I hesitated in writing directly to you because I felt, as educated people, that a majority of you would eventually realize the necessity of joining together as classroom teachers and affiliating with the great labor movement in this county in order to solve the many problems facing public education in our community. However, a grave crisis has developed in Oakland's public educational system and as yet the majority of the classroom teachers in that system have not risen to meet that crisis.

We in organized labor have learned over the years as employees, trade or professional, that we must divorce ourselves from management in order to best represent our own interests. For some time organized labor has included in its ranks many highly professional and trained people who have learned the above lesson: musicians, actors, newspaper men and women, airplane pilots, engineers, and many others. These professional employees have learned that by building democratic unions with their fellow workers and affiliating themselves with the great American labor movement that they have been able to really professionalize their occupations.

As I see it, the present status of the classroom teachers in Oakland is basically as follows: school employees hired by the school board, managed by school administrators, underpaid, overworked, overloaded classes, poor working conditions, very few written personnel policies, no grievance procedure, and basically having no voice in the determination of school policies, curriculum, class load, assignments, or grading standards. The common laborer in the trade union movement has more to say about the many job factors in his employment than do the classroom teachers in Oakland.

There is no doubt in my mind that if a majority of the classroom teachers in Oakland were to join the Oakland Federation of Teachers that in a very short time they could bring about great improvements in public education and immeasurably increase their salaries, dignity, and

status as professional people. I think that teachers should be paid twice as much as they are now receiving, but my thinking so will not make it so. Only when a majority of the classroom teachers determine that it shall be so and organize themselves into a democratic union in order to make it so, shall it be so.

In order to increase the salaries of the classroom teachers in Oakland the citizens must vote a tax rate increase. Last February the citizens voted against such an increase. I do not believe that the average parent and taxpayer understood or knew of the great need for such an increase. I am convinced that public education is still the best buy in this country. The average parent and taxpayer must be made to understand this. I am convinced that a majority of the classroom teachers affiliated with the labor movement could work up a campaign among our members and in the community which would carry twice the proposed tax rate increase.

In closing, I want to invite each and every one of you to join the Oakland Federation of Teachers now. Do not wait until next year. Join now so that together with your fellow teachers you will be able to plan a program for next year for solving the many problems with which you will be confronted.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT S. ASH
Executive Secretary
Central Labor Council
of Alameda County—
AFL-CIO

The only way

Only by electing liberal lawmakers can workers be assured of enactment of laws protecting labor's rights and improving labor's benefits—for example, minimum wage laws, improved Social Security, improved Railroad Retirement and other such measures.

One arm of American labor, the economic arm, is already severely weakened by the Taft-Hartley Act, and other anti-union laws. Now, the Knowland bloc would also hobble the other arm, the political arm, so labor would be shorn of power both at the collective bargaining table and in the legislative halls, while the special interests of business and industry, the moguls of oil and gas, continue to have a free hand.—Labor.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .
We Run 'Em!

THE FAST BUCK

The great artists of the past often didn't have enough to eat, but they lived for posterity. Today there is too much reaching for the fast buck. A singer can make funny noises on a single record and overnight he's a star. But he has nothing to fall back on. Commercialism has taken a wrong tangent in this country. What we need is to inherit from those who went before and not simply regard them as corny. There are certain traditions which we need to give us stability.—Ed Wynn.

THAT NAM CODE

The National Association of Manufacturers—the most venomous Anti-Labor group in the country—has at long last issued an ethics guide-book apparently to parallel organized labor's ethical practices code. . . . We would say that the NAM code of ethics will be observed as generally as the dictators of Russia observe the original constitution of the Soviet Republic which granted limited rights to individuals and groups.—St. Louis Labor Tribune.

PRESS INVASION

If reporters come to the door and you do not wish to see them, shut it in their faces. If they persist, send for the police. Help any friend or neighbor of yours who is being victimized. The representatives of the press have no rights which are not available to all other citizens. The plain citizen should not flinch from doing his duty in all of this. I believe that he will find that public opinion is increasingly on the side of those who stand up for their own rights as free men and women in a free society.—Randolph Churchill.

FIREMEN

When the fire trucks are delayed 40 seconds in traffic, people say: "It took them 20 minutes to get here." When the truck races at 40 M.P.H., it's "look at those reckless fools." When four men struggle with an six-man ladder: "They don't even know how to raise a ladder." When firemen open windows for ventilation to reduce heat in fighting a fire: "Look at the wrecking crew." When they open the floor to get at the blaze: "There goes the axe squad."—Fire News.

WHISTLING IN DARK

"At a time when the nation's problems require honest reporting and hardheaded solutions, the prospect of next November's election returns seems to have directed the Administration to lull the American people with soothing optimism. Instead of proposing realistic solutions for current fears, therefore, the Administration's economic report merely whistles in the dark and hopes that tomorrow will be a better day."—Stanley Ruttenberg, AFLCIO research director.

FALSE FRONT

The latest issue of the NAM News, organ of the National Association of Manufacturers, boasts that the "National Outlook" column written by NAM Economist Ralph Robey "is currently appearing in more than 440 newspapers." Question: Do these newspaper inform their readers that this column comes from the NAM?—Oregon Labor Press.

WITH OR WITHOUT

If Patrick Henry thought taxation WITHOUT representation was so terrible, he should see it WITH representation.—The Machinist.